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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Austin, R. et al.

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For: ELECTRODE-LESS
DIELECTROPHORESIS FOR
POLARIZABLE PARTICLES

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 5-7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A microfluidic device for trapping polarizable particles comprising:
- a substrate bearing a plurality of constrictions, each of said constrictions being separated from one another by a gap having a distance D_1 ;
 - means for passing said polarizable particles in the vicinity of said constrictions;
 - and
 - means for applying a dielectrophoric field to said substrate,
- wherein said polarizable particles are trapped in said gap when said dielectrophoric field is applied.